

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1473 - SB 2247

February 8, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires students to take three assessments to determine college readiness. Authorizes a student in the 11th grade, including those with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), to opt out of taking the ACT or SAT, if such student does not intend to apply to a postsecondary institution that awards an associate's or bachelor's degree. Students who have an IEP must receive written approval from their IEP team in order to opt out of the examination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Each student in the 11th grade receives one voucher to take either the ACT or SAT.
- Funding for vouchers are distributed annually as part of the state's Basic Education Program (BEP) payments to local education agencies. This funding is based on the average daily membership of students in the 11th grade and the costs associated with taking the ACT or SAT.
- If any student opts out of taking an assessment, the applicable local education agency (LEA) will still receive the same disbursement of BEP funding; any funding not expended pursuant to ACT or SAT testing would be expended for other purposes within the receiving LEA.
- Any decrease in the number of students taking the ACT or SAT is estimated to be not significant.
- No change in state or local BEP funding.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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